

It's going to take time for all the actions we have taken to have their full impact. But I am confident that the steps we're taking will help fix the problems in our economy and return it to strength. My administration is committed to ensuring that our economy succeeds. And I know the incoming administration shares the same commitment.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:29 a.m. on the South Lawn at the White House. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### ***November 29***

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

### ***November 30***

In the afternoon, on the North Lawn, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in the presentation of the White House Christmas tree.

### ***December 1***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Situation Room, he received an update on the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India, followed by an update on the situation in Iraq.

### ***December 2***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Greensboro, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Donna Turner.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the President and Mrs. Bush attended an advance appreciation reception.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roszell Dulany Hunter to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Brad Cole to be a member of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint James W. Ceaser as a member of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board: B. John Garrick (and, upon approval, designate him as Chair); William Howard Arnold; George Milton Hornberger; Andrew C. Kadak; Ali Mosleh; and Henry Petroski.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino: Anna Regula Haug de Cablik; Gilberto Cardenas; Doreen M. Colon Camacho; Dorene C. Dominguez; Jose B. Fernandez; Patrick Alexander Lopez Negrete; and Ricardo Romo.

The President announced his intention to appoint Randolph D. Brock III and Frederic V. Malek as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Military Academy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Nancy L. Johnson and Albert Hawkins III as members of the Board of Visitors to the U.S. Naval Academy.

### ***December 3***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with members of the Commission on Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism.

### ***December 4***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, on the State Floor and then in the Map Room, he participated in an interview with John Yang of NBC News.

**December 5**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**


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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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**Released November 30**

Statement by the Press Secretary on Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's visit to India

**Released December 1**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 5714

Fact sheet: World AIDS Day 2008

**Released December 2**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2040, S. 602, and S. 1193

Fact sheet: President Bush Has Improved How We Address Human Need Through Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

**Released December 3**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: Defending Against Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism

**Released December 4**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Fact sheet: The Strategic Framework Agreement and the Security Agreement With Iraq

**Released December 5**

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

Statement by the Press Secretary on the death of Alexsey II, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

Advanced text of the President's remarks to the Saban Forum

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**


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**Approved December 1**

H.R. 5714 / Public Law 110-450  
United States Army Commemorative Coin Act of 2008

**Approved December 2**

H.R. 2040 / Public Law 110-451  
Civil Rights Act of 1964 Commemorative Coin Act

S. 602 / Public Law 110-452  
Child Safe Viewing Act of 2007

S. 1193 / Public Law 110-453  
To direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes